

Temporary Roads

The LaVA Analysis Area includes approximately 2,275 miles of system roads. These roads would be used whenever possible to minimize the need for temporary road construction.

The Proposed Action includes an estimated 600 miles of temporary road construction and obliteration over the life of the project to accomplish project needs.

Temporary roads are usually created with a single piece of heavy equipment, such as a bulldozer or skidder, with the minimum necessary ground disturbance to facilitate removal of the road template; temporary roads are obliterated (decommissioned) after management use ends.

Decommissioning methods may include, but are not limited to, re-contouring the road, ripping/scarifying the roadbed, removing culverts, installing drainage features, creating physical barriers to preclude motorized travel, scattering wood or rock debris onto the road, applying seed and mulch to the area, and posting signs.

Some of the photos to the right depict temporary roads in use by operators, while others depict roads that have been decommissioned after management actions have been completed.

